

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 4, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Kuhle, Ron Wood, Mike Woll. Aldermen absent: Scott Nelson (excused).

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Bill Douglas and Greg Mitchell, Bolton & Menk.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK DRAINAGE AND FLOOD MITIGATION CONCEPT PROPOSAL  
FROM BOLTON & MENK APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT**

Bill Douglas, Bolton & Menk, Inc., presented the results of their Industrial Park Drainage & Flood Mitigation Study and proposal for the City of Worthington. Mr. Douglas said they were hoping to obtain Council approval of their proposed concept for the mitigation. Information from two previous studies performed by SEH and Barr was considered. Bolton & Menk assisted the City in applying for a TED grant for the project, which the City received a grant award of \$3.3 million. The plan submitted with the grant application included a recommendation for a 150 foot long bridge on Highway 59. Mr. Douglas stated they had contacted MnDOT to inquire if a change in that concept would affect the grant award. While he had received responses to the negative by phone, no official notification had yet been received.

Council reviewed detailed plans for the first phase of the mitigation concept, which consists of ditch realignment and industrial/commercial park storm water management north of Interstate 90, and installation of two large detention dry ponds. Council discussed the planned second detention pond, noting that installation as proposed would eliminate desirable frontage property that would exist once the proposed road is completed. Mr. Douglas responded that the shape of the pond could be altered to an "L" shape, allowing it to be moved back away from the frontage property without compromising its purpose.

Cost estimates for the Highway 59 Industrial/Commercial Park Ditch realignment and proposed storm water management phase is \$2.1 million. The cost estimate for future flood management improvements upstream of I-90 is \$1 million, for a total of \$3.1 million. The City's share of the ditch realignment project is \$1.4 million, which includes rerouting of the ditch, the two retention ponds, and the Highway 59 intersection. Funds will come from the hospital sale dollars. Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering, noted they were looking for Council approval to move forward with the County Ditch 12 relocation phase and to use grant money for the proposed change regarding the bridge, but also for a commitment to include flood mitigation south of I-90 in the master plan.

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to approve the proposal from Bolton & Menk with the amendment to reshape detention pond #2, moving forward on the North of I-90 plan only with the south of I-90 mitigation as part of the

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master plan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 a.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC  
City Clerk